available only after figures are firmed up after finalisation of accounts.

Tourist Action Plan for Gujarat

232. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tourism action plan launched by Government proposes to draw certain rural areas in its fold to help employment and economic growth in those areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly for Gujarat State;

(c) whether Government is satisfied with performance of the ITDC hotels; and

(d) if not, what steps Government has taken or propose to take to make them profitable and up to the mark?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The tourist destinations are identified by the respective State Governments depending on the potential of the area. Dwarka, Palitana and Odwada have been identified for the devolopment of Pilgrim tourism in Gujarat as a follow up of National Action plan.

(c) and (d) During the year 1994-95 the ITDC Hotels earned a profit of Rs.22.71 crores against Rs.8.29 crores earned in 1993-94.

Power Projects for Private Sector

233. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any power projects have been earmarked for the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many of them have been actually offered to private companies and whether they are Indian or foreign; and

(d) the details of the investments they are making in the power projects and the quantum of power expected to be produced by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d) After the announcement of the private power policy by Government in October, 1991, 245 expressions of interest have been received from the Private Sector to set up power plants envisaging a total capacity of 93646.25 MW and an investment of about Rs.3,38,053 crores. Of these 52 proposals are from foreign companies.

New Schemes for Weavers of Gujarat

234. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new schemes have been finalised for weavers in Gujarat for 1994-95;

(b) whether Government have consulted the State Government in finalising such a plan for weavers; and

(c) if so, the measures proposed to assist weavers in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Schemes of handloom sector are generally not state specific. All State Governments and Union Territories are eligible for assistance under these Scheme. The weavers of Gujarat can avail assistance under all the ongoing Schemes in handloom sector.

(c) Central assistance is released on the basis of proposals received from the State Government. The State Government of Gujarat has been advised to send adequate number of project proposal for Central assistance under various ongoing Schemes during 1995-96.

गुजरात द्वारा प्रस्तुत की गई नई पर्यटन नीति

235. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गुजरात सरकार ने पर्यटक स्थलों के विकास, विशेषतया उन्हें अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर का बनाने के

लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार को कोई नई पर्यटन नीति प्रस्तुत की है, जिसमें कि अनिवासी भारतीयों, निजी क्षेत्र और गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र को शामिल किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो राज्य सरकार द्वारा प्रस्तुत नई पर्यटन नीति की मुख्य-मुख्य विशेषताएं क्या है;

(ग) सरकार की उस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(घ) उक्त नीति के कार्यान्वयन के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा राज्य सरकार को वर्तमान वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान कितनी सहायता राशि प्रदान की गयी है अथवा किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आज़द): (क) और (ख) जी, हां। गुजरात की नई पर्यटन नीति की प्रमुख विशेषताएं इस प्रकार हैं:—

(1) पर्यटन को उद्योग का दर्जा दिया जाना।

(2) नई पर्यटन परियोजनाओं के लिए एक मुश्त प्रोत्साहन।

(3) पर्यटन सम्बन्धी आधारभूत सुविधाओं का एकीकृत विकास।

(ग) और (घ) नीति को लागू करने की जिम्मेवारी राज्य सरकार की है। केन्द्र सरकार राज्य सरकारों को, उनसे प्राप्त विशिष्ट प्रस्तावों के गुण-दोष, पारस्परिक प्राथमिकता तथा धन की उपलब्धता के आधार पर वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करती है। गुजरात सरकार ने वर्ष 1995-96 के लिए 23.00 लाख रु० के परिव्यय सहित 6 स्कीमें परियोजनाएं निर्धारित की हैं। इन परियोजनाओं/इकाइयों के संबंध में ब्यौरेवार प्रस्ताव अभी मिलने बाकी है।

Export of Cotton

236. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state.

(a) the policy adopted by Government with regard to Export of cotton;

(b) whether there has been a bumper crop of cotton during the current year;

(c) if so, whether a decision regarding export of cotton for the current year has been taken; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Under the long term policy on cotton export which was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Export Strategy in 1990 a quota of 5 lakh bales of cotton for export is to be announced in the beginning of the cotton season. Subsequent release of actual quantity for export are guided by the requirement of the industry, availability for domestic and international market prices and other factors. The broad aims of the policy are to maintain India's presence in the international market as a reliable supplier of cotton, stablise cotton prices for domestic indistry and to provide remunerative prices to the cotton growers.

(b) It is too early in the cotton season 1995-96 (Sep-Aug) to give an acurate estimate of the cotton crop.

(c) and (d) Government of India has released 1 lakh bales of Bengal Deshi cotton for export in October this year. This is an early crop and is non spinnable, so its export will not affect the supply of cotton to the domestic spinning mills.

Changes Proposed in the Prasar Bharati Act

237. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for changes in the Prasar Bharati Act for autonomy of the electronic media have been finalised and are under the consideration of Government for approval;

(b) if so, the details of the changes proposed in the Prasar Bharati Act; and

(c) by when they are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) Certain changes, inter-alia, in the proposed organisational structure of the Corporation are warranted in the light of the rapidly changing broad-